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SUBJECT: BRIEFING FOR UAE FONMIN ON FORD-SADAT MEETINGS

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1. FOR YOUR USE AS APPROPRIATE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER  
SUWAIDI, YOU MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS NOTING  
BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION THAT OUR REASSESSMENT OF MIDDLE  
EAST POLICY IS CONTINUING, THAT RECENT SALZBURG MEETING  
WAS EXPLORATORY AND ALLOWED PRESIDENT FORD TO FORM A  
PERSONAL APPRECIATION OF SADAT AND EGYPT'S PROBLEMS, AND  
THAT COMPARABLE MEETING IN COURSE OF OUR REASSESSMENT IS  
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NOW UNDERWAY IN WASHINGTON WITH ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER

RABIN.

2. TALKING POINTS:

A. US INTERESTS REQUIRE MOVEMENT TOWARD PEACE. OUR STRATEGY SINCE OCTOBER 1973 HAS CONCENTRATED ON THAT OBJECTIVE AND IN THE PROCESS HAS PERMITTED A STRENGTHENING OF OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH BOTH THE ARABS AND ISRAEL, THEREBY STRENGTHENING THE NON-COMMUNIST PRESENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

B. THE MEETING WITH SADAT WAS NOT DESIGNED TO PRODUCE CONCRETE RESULTS, BUT TO EXPLORE VARIOUS DIPLOMATIC OPTIONS THAT MIGHT BE PURSUED TOWARD PEACE AND TO DISCUSS EGYPT'S ECONOMIC SITUATION WITH A VIEW TOWARD CREATING A FRAMEWORK FOR MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE.

C. THE DIPLOMATIC OPTIONS OPEN TO US WERE ENUNCIATED BEFORE THE SALZBURG MEETING. IN BRIEF, THEY ARE A REVIVAL OF STEP-BY-STEP NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE MIDDLE EAST PARTIES ON THE WAY TO NEGOTIATION OF AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT AND MOVING DIRECTLY TO A GENEVA-STYLE NEGOTIATION AIMED AT AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT. NO CONCLUSIONS WERE REACHED AT SALZBURG ON WHICH PATH THE UNITED STATES WILL CHOOSE. THESE OPTIONS ARE BEING DISCUSSED IN THE TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN.

D. THE ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE TALKS WERE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. FIRST, EGYPT FACES A PERIOD OF SERIOUS ECONOMIC DISLOCATIONS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. SECOND, SADAT HAS DETERMINED TO ATTACK THE FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN AND STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS OF EGYPT'S ECONOMY, AND IN DOING SO HAS TURNED TO THE US, THE WEALTHIER MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES, WESTERN EUROPE, JAPAN, AND THE WORLD BANK FOR ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE.

E. IN RESPONSE, WE HAVE PROMISED SADAT WE WILL WORK WITH THE WORLD BANK AND LEADING GOVERNMENTS OF THE FREE WORLD TO HELP EGYPT MEET ITS PRESSING SHORT-TERM NEEDS AND TO LAY THE BASIS FOR LONG-TERM GROWTH. WE HAVE IN VIEW A CONFIDENTIAL

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MULTINATIONAL EFFORT IN WHICH SAUDI ARABIA, IRAN, THE UNITED STATES, WEST GERMANY, JAPAN, THE WORLD BANK, AND THE IMF WILL BE THE MAIN PARTICIPANTS. THESE COUNTRIES AND INSTITUTIONS SHARE A COMMON INTEREST IN SEEING EGYPT REMAIN A STABLE, INDEPENDENT FORCE FOR MODERATION AND PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, NOT SUBJECT TO SOVIET PRESSURE. WE HOPE THE UAE WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE. KISSINGER

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